

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/750,688
Attorney Docket No.: Q62534

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 7-10. Claims 1-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Specifically, the Examiner has objected to the term “input buffer type package switch” and to the term “cross bar type switch”.

Applicant’s representative thanks the Examiner for the courteous and productive telephone interview held earlier this case in which the Examiner suggested the elimination of the word “type” to overcome the alleged ambiguity in the claims under objection. By this amendment, Applicant has accepted the Examiner’s proposal and removed the word “type” from “input buffer type package switch” and “cross bar type switch”. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 are now in condition for allowance, there being only a 35 U.S.C. § 112, (second paragraph) rejection of those claims which rejection is overcome by this amendment.

In view of the forgoing, and the previous allowance of claims 7-10, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10, being all the claims presently in the application, are now in condition for allowance and that this application should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. If any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the Washington, DC telephone no. to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application into condition for allowance.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

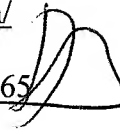
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